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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NORTH KOREAN TAEPO-DONG 2 LAUNCH

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Charge d'Affaires Rundell and A/DCM Muench delivered reftel points April 7 to Deputy Foreign Minister for Multilateral Relations Dr. Prince Turki bin Mohamed al-Kabeer. Prince Turki opined that through the launch North Korea was making a play for increased regional influence, and in that regard compared the launch to the Iranian nuclear program. Post also delivered the points and the president's statement by diplomatic note.

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